

MINUTES

MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY Regular Meeting, Monday, June 4, 2007 Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, B. Ryan, G. Zimmer
Members absent: J. Goodwin, P. Plante
Alternates present: L. Lombard, B. Pociask (7:08)
Alternates absent: Michael Beal
Staff present: G. Meitzler, (Wetlands Agent),

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. and appointed Alternate Lombard to act in Plante's absence and Alternate Pociask to act in Goodwin's absence.

Minutes:

5/7/07 - Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to approve the Minutes as written. Kochenburger noted that he listened to the tapes of the 5/7/07 meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5/14/07 Field Trip - Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded, to approve the Field Trip Minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Ryan, Holt, Gardner and Favretti in favor and all others disqualified.

Communications:

The Draft Minutes of the 5-16-07 Conservation Commission and the 6/1/07 Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report were noted. Gardner asked about the progress of the Bell project. Meitzler noted that the project is still on track, and no changes or issues have been identified.

Old Business:

Public Hearing Continuation:

W1371 – Datum Engineering – 108 Candide Lane – house within 150' (Leta & Costello)

Chairman Favretti opened the continued Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. Members present were R. Favretti, B. Gardner, R. Hall, K. Holt, P. Kochenburger, B. Ryan, G. Zimmer, and alternates Lombard and Pociask. Alternates Lombard and Pociask were appointed to act in Goodwin's and Plante's absences. Meitzler noted the following communications received and distributed to the members since the 5-7-07 Public Hearing; a 6-4-07 request for a time extension from the

applicant; a 5-31-07 memo from Grant Meitzler, Wetlands Agent; and a 5-29-07 report from Michael W. Klemens, PhD.

Dr. Klemens presented his professional credentials along with a signed copy of his report analyzing the applicant's submissions, which he had prepared at the request of the Agency. He also handed out a chart from his book, Best Management Practices for Vernal Pools, which he included in his report. Klemens reviewed the findings outlined in his report, highlighting its key points.

In response to a request made by Klemens about amount of traffic on the road closest to the vernal pool, Meitzler reported that peak hour traffic counts on Candide Lane are below the 25 trips which Klemens considers a threshold for impacting amphibian migration.

Art Kostapapas, representing the applicant, modified the applicant's extension request and asked that the Public Hearing be extended by 65 days to allow ample time for the applicant to submit a response and to allow the Agency adequate time for further review.

After discussion, the applicant agreed that a response could be provided at least 10 days before the Agency's meeting on July 2, 2007, and that an effort would be made to submit a response by June 15th. Klemens agreed that this would allow him time to review and comment on the applicant's response. At this time, Klemens submitted a display map for the record.

Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to accept the applicant's request for a 65-day Public Hearing extension. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Pociask who disqualified himself.

Holt MOVED, Ryan seconded, to continue the Public Hearing until July 2, 2007. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Pociask who disqualified himself.

Other Old Business:

W1373 – Lucas – Woodland Road – two lot subdivision

A letter was received from the applicant requesting an extension to the review period to allow him more time to submit revised plans. Mr. Lucas verbally agreed to a 35-day extension period.

Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, to grant a 35-day extension of the action period on the Lucas application. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Pociask who disqualified himself.

W1375 – Capo – 463 Middle Turnpike – above ground pool in buffer

Mrs. Capo explained that a 21-foot round pool was now planned. Wetlands Agent Meitzler related that this was not a significant change from the 18-foot diameter pool originally applied for. Favretti noted that the site was visited during the 5/14/07 field trip.

Holt MOVED, Gardner seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to Xiomara Capo (file# W1375) for installation of a 21-foot round above-ground swimming pool, on property owned by the applicant, located at 463 Middle Turnpike, as shown on a map dated 5/03/07 and as described in other application submissions.

This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant on the wetlands, and is conditioned upon the following provisions being met:

1. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized;
2. However, erosion and sedimentation controls will not be needed, unless so directed by the Wetlands Agent.

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until 6/04/12), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment.

MOTION PASSED, with all in favor except Lombard and Pociask who disqualified themselves.

New Business:

W1376 – Corcoran – Mansfield City Road – garage in buffer

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, to receive the application submitted by Randy and Deborah Corcoran (file# W1376) under Section 5 of the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for the construction of a 24-foot by 30-foot garage located at 229 Mansfield City Road, on property owned by the applicants, as shown on a map dated May, 2007 and as described in other application submissions, and to refer the application to the staff and Conservation Commission for review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

W1377 – Bushnell Assoc. – Brigham Tavern Road – retaining wall in buffer

Meitzler noted that this is a procedural notice, and no action is necessary.

Chairman Favretti noted that a Field Trip was necessary to review the Corcoran application, and it was set for Monday, June 11, 2007 at 2:30pm.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

None

Other Communications and Bills:

Noted

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary